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Attention: Mr. Dennis Scovill

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Scovill and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	State Highway, Local Highway, and Transit Elements

- Adds, modifies or deletes various projects with various funding sources in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the SCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this FTIP Amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process

Mr. Michael G. Ritchie/Mr. Leslie T. Rogers

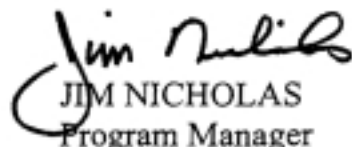
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permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. This FTIP Amendment is exempt from the State Intergovernmental Review (IGR) process.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Rambabu Bavirisetty of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholas", is written over the printed name.

JIM NICHOLAS

Program Manager

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Enclosure

- c: Mark Brucker - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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Re: FY 2000/01 to 2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SCAG Highway and Transit Element Amendment #1

Attention: Feral Resources Branch, Room 3500 for Greg Wong, Transportation Programming Program

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of the Southern California of Governments (SCAG) 2000/01 to 2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment # 01, as requested by your letter of January 11, 2001.

We find this amendment to be in accordance with 23CFR 450 as revised by Sections 1203 and 1204 of The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (PL105-178).

However, we would like to reiterate that CMAQ funding for project ID LA963537 is only expandable for the newly constructed portion of the Blue line (Pasadena). This is in keeping with the CMAQ eligibility requirements.

We find that this SCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40CFR Section 9.126 and or Section 93.127]. As required by 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, the projects included in this amendment are found to conform in accordance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended by 942 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d). Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SCAG's TIP Amendment # 1 into California's 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements. This approval is based on Caltrans assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra A. Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan office at (213) 202-3953.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Erv Poka

/s/ Sandra A. Balmir

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